

EXHIBIT B

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

STEPHANIE WADSWORTH,)
Individually and as Parent)
and Legal Guardian of W.W,)
K.W., G.W., and L.W., minor)
children, and MATTHEW)
WADSWORTH)
Plaintiffs,)
vs.) No. 2:23-cv-00118-NDF
WALMART, INC., and JETSON)
ELECTRIC BIKES, LLC,)
Defendants.)

)

DEPOSITION OF MICHAEL J. SCHULZ

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Roseville, California

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1 A. -- more precisely.

2 Q. Was there any arcing found in the house?

3 A. Not that I'm aware of; however, I did not
4 undertake to study that or not.

5 Q. Was there any arcing found anywhere on the
6 site?

7 A. There are reports and there are photographs of
8 what appear to be electrical anomalies on electrical
9 wiring in the shed located in front of the house
10 outdoors.

11 Q. Okay.

12 A. But I wasn't present for that evidence
13 inspection and I've never had a close-up look at those
14 artifacts, and I would defer to the electrical engineers
15 that were present.

16 Q. Do you know if the electrical engineers that
17 were present for the Wadsworth family have been named as
18 experts in this case?

19 A. I'm not aware that they are, but I don't know
20 who all of the experts are in this case.

21 Q. So based on your involvement in the case, you
22 just don't have an opinion one way or the other as to
23 whether the anomalies, as I think you termed it, on the
24 wiring at the shed outside was indeed arcing; correct?

25 A. Correct.

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1 Q. You agree that there are electrical anomalies
2 that were identified out at the shed?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Okay. And those anomalies do have an
5 appearance of arc damage; correct?

6 A. They do. Those anomalies that were marked with
7 the colored wire ties would be things that I would want
8 an electrical engineer to look at under a microscope,
9 and if I was present, I would have looked under the
10 microscope, too, and formed more of an opinion.

11 Q. Okay. Have you seen the microscopic images of
12 the arc damage?

13 A. I have not.

14 Q. Were you aware any were taken?

15 A. I saw a reference to marking things for the
16 microscope in something that I read, but I don't think
17 that I've ever seen the images.

18 Q. Did any circuit breakers trip in the house?

19 A. Not that I'm aware of, no.

20 When I was there on Day 1, which was in May of
21 2022, there were no circuit breakers that were
22 identifiable in the tripped position.

23 There was a single circuit breaker in the
24 subpanel that was off, and I think it was marked for a
25 washing machine.

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1 Q. Do you know, as you sit here today, how many
2 cells had expelled? Page 136

3 A. I don't know. I wasn't involved in that
4 examination.

5 Q. Do you know the manner in which the cells
6 expelled?

7 A. I don't. I'm not offering opinions on that.

8 Q. You have -- let me strike that.

9 With a fire that initiates from careless
10 disposal of smoking material, that generally can be a
11 smoldering type fire; correct?

12 MR. AYALA: Form.

13 THE WITNESS: It has a high likelihood to do
14 that, yes.

15 BY MR. LaFLAMME:

16 Q. Okay. And in saying "smouldering type fire,"
17 meaning that that is a fire that could initiate a
18 lengthy period of time after the actual careless
19 disposal of smoking materials occurs?

20 A. And before and after the flaming combustion,
21 yes.

22 Q. Meaning if Mrs. Wadsworth had smoked in the
23 smoking shed sometime between 1:30 and 2:00 a.m. and
24 this fire initiated sometime between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m.,
25 and assuming it was due to careless use of smoking

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1 material, that time lapse is not unusual with careless

2 use of smoking material-generated fires?

3 MR. AYALA: Form.

4 THE WITNESS: No, it can't be used to exclude

5 that possibility.

6 BY MR. LaFLAMME:

7 Q. Meaning the time difference from which
8 Mrs. Wadsworth testified that she last smoked in the
9 smoking shed and the identification of this fire had it
10 started -- assuming it started in the smoking shed, that
11 time lapse would not exclude careless use of smoking
12 material?

13 A. No.

14 Q. Looking at Pages 56 to 59, this is a list of
15 all the evidence in this case; correct?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. All right. And aside from visual observations
18 either in person or of photographs, you have not
19 physically inspected any of the evidence in this case?

20 A. Not as part of an evidence exam.

21 Obviously, I looked at the -- I looked at the
22 hoverboard the first time we were there. I looked at
23 the outlet. I looked at some of the branch wiring and
24 so forth, but I did not look at any of this evidence as
25 part of a subsequent organized laboratory inspection.

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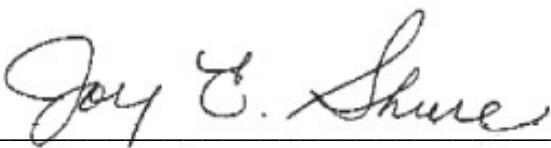
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